

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and allowance of the amended claims.

Claims 1, and 10 to 19 remain in this application. Claims 2 to 9 and 20 to 32 have been canceled. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4, now canceled, relating to utilizing activity of the catalyst in the reactor as a corresponding manipulated variable.

CONCLUSION

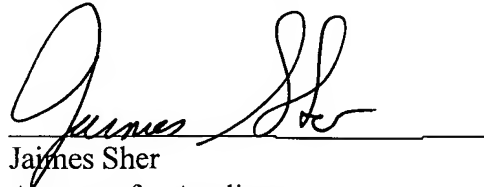
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims describe a process for controlling a circulating fluid bed oxygenates to olefins reactor, which meets the requirements of patentability. Applicants therefore respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Any comments or questions concerning the application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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Date

Respectfully submitted,

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